GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF SCRAP
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has permitted import of all types of metallic waste and scrap to the country;

(b) if so, the detailed policy in this regard;

(c) the quantum and value of metallic waste and scrap imported from various countries during each of the last three years and the current year, country and item-wise;

(d) whether the Government has taken note that various kind of explosives and other hazardous waste are also included in the import of scrap;

(e) if so, the facts thereof along with the remedial measures or safeguards provided by the Government in this regard; and

(f) whether the Government also proposes to review its policy for import of metallic waste and scrap and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The import of any form of metallic waste, scrap is permitted subject to the condition that it will not contain hazardous, toxic waste, radioactive contaminated waste / scrap containing radioactive material, any type of arms, ammunition, mines, shells, live or used cartridge or any other explosive material in any form either used or otherwise. The Import Policy for import of metallic waste and scrap as listed in Annex-I is 'free' subject to the condition that the consignment is accompanied by valid pre-shipment inspection certificate (PSIC), issued by recognized Pre-Shipment Inspection Agency (PSIA) certifying that the metallic scrap is free from explosive and radioactive contamination. Import of any form of metallic waste from Hodaideh, Yemen and Bandar Abbas, Iran can only be in shredded form. While import of shredded scrap is allowed through all ports, import of unshredded scrap can only take place through the following designated ports:

"1.Chennai,
2.Cochin,
3.Ennore,
4.JNPT,
5.Kandla,
6.Mormugao,
7.Mumbai,
8.New Mangalore,
9. Paradip,
10.Tuticorin,
11.Vishakhapatnam,
12. ICD Loni, Ghaziabad,
13.Pipava,
14.Mundra,
15.Kolkata,
16.ICD Ludhiana,
17.ICD Dadri (Greater Noida),
18.ICD Nagpur,
19.ICD Jodhpur,
20.ICD Jaipur,
21.ICD Udaipur,
22.CFS Mulund,
23. ICD Kanpur,
24.ICD Ahmedabad,
25.ICD Pitampur and
26. ICD Malanpur".

(c) The details of quantum and value of metallic waste and scrap imported from various countries during each of the last three years and the current year, country and item- wise are at Annex- II.

(d) & (e) Yes Sir. In view of the risk to human life, property and national security, import of metal scrap in unshredded compressed and loose form is permitted only through 26 designated ports as in (a) above. Government has decided and has taken necessary steps for installing portal monitors, X-rays scanners or radiological scanners to handle metallic scraps, semi-finished products and finished products. Further eight coastal state authorities/maritime boards have been requested for installation of portal monitors at additional ports where metal scraps are handled. Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) has sensitized concerned Ministries on various aspects of issued related to radioactive contamination in imported metal scrap. Further, AERB in association with other organizations such as National Institute of Secondary Steel Technology (NISST), scrap associations, furnace associations etc is conducting awareness programmes to sensitize various stake holders of metal recycling industry about the issue.

(f) No Sir.